



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Timothy R. Ryan et al.

Examiner: William H. Matthews

Serial No.: 09/982,299

Group Art Unit: 3738

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed
on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed
on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other: Change of Attorney's Address

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(I) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed).

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0471:

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) **(\$770.00)**
- ii. ☒ One-Month Extension-of-Time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17) **(\$110.00)**
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2308 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope address to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 23rd day of January, 2004.

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